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EARTHQUAKE

We give the following account of 24 shocks of an earthquake, from our friend, James Moore, Esq. and as he relates from his own experience, he is entitled to our thanks and credit.

Terrible Earthquake

Newbourbon, Territory of Louisiana, Dec. 16

First shock precisely five minutes after 2 o'clock in the morning and lasted ten minutes, was very severe, the night very clear and calm, a hard white frost, many chimneys much damaged - 2nd shock precisely 3 o'clock, lasted three minutes extremely severe, everything in full convulsion; as near as I was capable to make observation my house rocked about eight inches; at 4 o'clock a thick fog closed to the earth - 3rd shock began twelve minutes after 7 o'clock in the morning and lasted four minutes so severe that several chimnies fell and much damage was done, breaking crockery ware, looking glasses, &c. Some of the chimnies shook from their foundations flat to the earth, my chimney split from the foundation to the chamber floor but no person hurt - 4th shock twenty-nine minutes after 7 o'clock but slight, lasted two minutes - 5th shock fifty minutes after 7 o'clock but lightly felt - ten minutes after the fog very thick, a mist falling out of the fog. - 6th shock six minutes later 10 o'clock in the forenoon, lasted two minutes but light - 7th shock forty minutes after 11 o'clock, very slight - 8th shock fifty minutes after 11 o'clock, light - 9th shock fifty-six minutes after 11 o'clock, lasted two minutes &c hard - 27 minutes after 12 the fog very thick, at 48 minutes after 12 o'clock a fine mist falling, 15 minutes after 1 o'clock the fog rose a little from the earth - 10th shock thirty-six minutes after 1 o'clock, but light; the fog settled to the earth again at four minutes after 2 o'clock, the fog rose a little at 45 minutes after 2 o'clock, the fog rose so high that it resembled a thick cloud, 30 minutes after 3 o'clock in the afternoon the fog began to settle again, at 15 minutes after 5 o'clock in the evening the fog very thick but appeared yellow - 11th shock twenty-six minutes after 5 o'clock in the evening, lasted one minute very severe, 10 minutes after 7 o'clock extremely dark, at 30 minutes after 8 o'clock a fine mist falling, 10 minutes after 9 o'clock no mist falling and appeared more light but no stars to be seen - 12th shock forty-five minutes after 10 o'clock lasted one minute, but lightly felt, it